

Agency 082

**Public Disclosure Commission****Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2003-05 Expenditure Authority</b>	24.5	3,597		3,597
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	24.5	3,837		3,837
Difference		240		240
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	6.7%		6.7%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
Election Reform Legislation #		135		135
General Inflation		(9)		(9)
<b>Subtotal</b>		126		126
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	24.5	3,963		3,963
Difference		366		366
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	10.2%		10.2%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Agency Administration	2.8	601		601
Enforcement of Public Disclosure Laws	4.1	891		891
Provide Public Access to Certain Campaign, Lobbying and Financial Information	17.6	2,471		2,471
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	24.5	3,963		3,963

**PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS****Election Reform Legislation #**

Implementation of this legislation will require the services of an assistant attorney general based on the assumption that new rules and legal challenges to the legislation will occur early in the implementation process.

**ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS****Agency Administration**

Agency Administration provides administrative and management support to the Public Disclosure Commission.

**Enforcement of Public Disclosure Laws**

The Public Disclosure Commission monitors whether persons subject to public disclosure laws file timely reports and comply with other provisions of the law. The agency reviews approximately 70 complaints from the public annually, the vast majority relating to provisions of the campaign financing statutes. The commission initiates investigations, produces reports, and enforces the public disclosure laws, including hearing enforcement cases and imposing penalties on violators.

## GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

### **Provide Public Access to Certain Campaign, Lobbying and Financial Information**

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) provides full and timely public access to political finance data by maintaining a secure, comprehensive website, and developing and maintaining electronic filing alternatives for campaigns, lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and personal financial affairs filers. The agency assists filers in fulfilling statutory reporting requirements by providing training, instructional manuals, help screens, and telephone and e-mail assistance. Commission staff enters, reviews, and maintains data required of campaigns, lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and others to ensure the uniformity and accuracy of the data.